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Misc. File No. 119/37.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station, No 13

REPORT

Date 15.9.37.

Subject State of Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. Burton. Forwarded by Inspt. i/c.

Sir,

Between 9.30 am and 10.30 am on the 14.9.37, 80 casual labourers of the Foo Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road staged a riot in the mill premises, after having gathered together in a temporary godown. The trouble arose over the labourers demanding a Bonus of 10 months wages each man when temporarily suspended by the management. They had been offered a full months wages for the current month plus $2.00 but refused to accept same and would not listen to any proposal other than 10 months wages. In order to protect life and property Tear Gas bombs had to be used to eject them from the godown, after they had made repeated attacks on Police and members of Russian Regiment from their stronghold. 57 men were arrested 25 of whom received slight injuries. They are charged with offences against public order. (See P.Rd. F.I.R.441/37)

No other untoward incident occurred during the 24 hours ending 7 a.m. on the 15.9.37.

Necessary precautions are still being maintained for the protection of life and property.

District remains quiet.

D.D.O. "B" Division. D.S.I.

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The 1st accused in this case was discharged from Hospital on the 16.9.37, and appeared before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 18.9.37, when he was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment suspended for 3 years.

Case completed.

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With the exception of the 1st accused, the other 56 accused in this case appeared before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 15.9.37, when the presiding Judge passed the following sentences:-

2nd and 3rd accused:- 3 months each suspended for 3 yrs.

4th to 57th accused:- 10 days each suspended for 2 yrs.

The case against the 1st accused being remanded until he is fit to leave Hospital to attend Court.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"B" Division.

Crime Register No. 441/37.

Pootoo Road. Police Station.

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Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:-	61.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	9.30 am - 5 pm 14.9.37.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Scene of Crime. Det. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Foo Foong Flour Mill, 126 Lokanshan Road.
Time and date of offence.	Between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. 14.9.37.
" " " reported.	At 9.30 a.m. on the 14.9.37.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	S.M.C./S.M.P. (Pootoo Road Stn.)
Number of criminals with full individual description.	57 in custody:- 1. Tsang Fah Hwa (張法華), 32, Anhwei, S/worker, residing in mill quarters. and 56 others.
Arrests.	57 by party of Police under Officer i/c.
Classification of property stolen.	Value $
Classification of property recovered.	Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	57 DIR 18/9 C 18/9
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Offences against public order.

At 9.30 a.m. on the 14.9.37, a telephone message was received from the Foo Foong Flour Mill, No. 126 Mokanshan Road to the effect that a number of coolies were creating a disturbance in the compound of the above mill and refused to leave when requested to do so by the management who asked for Police assistance.

Immediately following receipt of the message a party of Police under the officer i/c proceeded to the mill, where upon arrival information was supplied by the management that approx. 80 casual labourers had gathered together in the hollow centre of a 60 foot temporary godown, built of rattan matting in which sacks of bran was stacked, in each side and end of which spaces had been left open, to form doors giving access to the interior.

Enquiries were made as to the reason for the labourers causing disturbances and gathering together in the temporary godown and the following ascertained.

The Foo Foong Company operate 4 flour mills in Shanghai, two being in the Settlement and two in Chinese territory. Due to the present hostilities, the mills in Chinese territory are not operating and the workers of these mills have been employed in the two mills in the Settlement namely the Foo Foong No. 126 Mokanshan Road and the Sing Dah Foo Kee, No. 10-12 Macao Road, of these workers from the closed mills a number were casual employees were drafted to the two mills in the settlement, where operations have continued throughout the period of hostilities, their work consisting chiefly of sweeping up wheat etc which drops from sacks when being moved from place to place.

These 80 labourers have been employed by the Foo Foong Company in the above capacity from day to day for the past 14 months, and receiving wages at the rate of 50 cents per day, paid monthly, out of which they purchase food from the mill, which costs them 15 cents per day.

There is not sufficient work for these labourers at the present time and on the 12.9.37, the management decided

to suspend them temporarily until the hostilities come to an end, when they would be taken on again. On being suspended they were to receive wages for the 12 days which they worked plus 18 days bonus and $2.00 for transportation to their native places, however, on being informed of the management's decision they demanded a bonus of 10 months wages for each man a sum of approximately $10,000 in all. It may be pointed here, that casual labourers are usually paid off for the amount of work done, it being well understood by them, that they are employed from day to day only.

In this instance however due to the present prevailing conditions, the management who are in sympathy with the workers predicament, offered the extra money in order that they should not be absolutely destitute and in a position if they so wished, to leave Shanghai to return to their native places.

On the labourers refusing to accept the management's offer, one Shu Tsoh Kiang (時濯江), in charge of the personal dept. and four sub-managers opened negotiations with the labourers on the 13.9.37, and continued discussions until this a.m. but the labourers refused to consider any other proposal, but a bonus of 10 months wages, and on being finally refused, this a.m. became ugly and commenced to create a disturbance, which resulted in the management requesting Police assistance. The labourers on learning that Police were being called, gathered together in the godown as aforementioned.

On receipt of the aforesaid information, Inspt. Dudley D.S.I. Chao Ping Kun, D.S. Crossley, C.D.S. 269 and the undersigned proceeded to the godown which is situated in the compound opposite the offices of the mill with view to reasoning with them.

On entering the godown however the labourers immediately attacked the party with large logs of wood and a volley of stones causing the party to beat a hasty retreat. Following this move on the part of the Police, Inspt. Dudley proceeded to walk up a short flight of steps leading to the offices with a view of

telephoning to Gordon Road Station for the assistance of the Reserve Unit, his path took him in direct line with the godown opening facing the office, with the result that he was bombarded with bricks, logs and lengths of iron, he quickly moved out of range, but the labourers continued to throw missiles, in endeavour to strike and break the glass of the French windows fronting the offices and narrowly missed striking several members of the U.S. Marine Corps and Chinese office employees of the mill, who were standing on the verandah fronting the offices. In effort to put a stop to their rowdy conduct the labourers were called upon by the Police, to leave the godown, in order that a further discussion could be made, with view to arriving at a peaceful settlement of the disturbance.

The labourers replied by challanging the Police, to try enter to eject them, and at the same time further subjecting the Police Officers, who had gone to the entrance to address them with a heavy bombardment of bricks, and afterwards continually threw various missiles at any person who walked passed the godown opening.

Meanwhile the Reserve Unit had responded to the call for assistance. With the arrival of reinforcements, the futility of their adopting a violent attitude was explained to the labourers who were again advised to leave the godown, but disregarding all advise several of them armed with large heavy logs of wood, rushed to the opening and struck out at Police and members of the Russian Regiment standing nearby after which they again retreated into the godown.

Shortly following this exhibition, two of the apparent ringleaders, namely Teang Fah Swa (張法華), age 32, Anhwei, S/worker, and Lieu Shi Zai (劉春財), age 23, Shantung, S/worker both residing the mill quarters, who will be hereafter known as 1st and 2nd accused made a surprise dash from the godown and gained the office where the 2nd accused brandished a club, whilst the 1st accused reached for a chair , which he attempted to wield.

Seeing that danger to individuals and property would result from their onslaught, Inspt. Dudley, D.S.I. Chao Ping Kun, and the undersigned closed in on them, and after a lengthy struggle force had to be used to subdue them. Angered at the seizure of the 1st and 2nd accused, some of the more daring labourers rushed into the open and after violently attacking 8 members of the Russian Regiment, hurriedly reentered the godown when effort was made to seize them.

By this time it was realized that owing to the narrow openings giving access to the godown, it would be impossible to enter and drive the labourers out without heavy casualities on both sides and considerable damage being done to mill property, therefore it was decided to resort to the use of Tear Gas bombs as a safety precaution. Accordingly Police and the Russian Regiment concentrated around the entrances to the godown whilst a party of U.S. Marines, stationed at the mill premises, acting on the instructions of their senior officer formed a corden in front of the mill offices in order to prevent any of the labourers gaining entry, this move being taken owing to the fact that a quantity of U.S. Marine Corps, arms and ammunition were stored therein.

All the necessary arrangements having been completed, two tear gas bombs, were thrown through openings at each end of the godown and as soon as the Gas took effect, the labourers dashed out from all openings in the godown, and commenced to attack the Police and Russian Regiment with sticks and iron bars making it necessary for force to be used in seizing and disarming them.

A number of labourers still remained in the godown and after a reasonable period had elapsed a third Tear Gas Bomb was thrown inside, this having the effect of causing them to abandon their position, these men were unarmed and no force was used to effect their arrest. Following the affray a check revealed that 56 of the men had been arrested, others number unknown, having effected their escape by scrambling to the top

of the godown, and jumping from the end of the roof over a bamboo fence into a small enclosure, from where they were able to climb over a outside wall and absconded.

Of the arrested men 25 who suffered minor injuries and the effects of tear gas, were conveyed by [illegible] Ambulance to the St. Lukes, Lester Chinese and Pautun Hospitals, where after receiving treatment, one was detained, the remaining 24 being discharged were escorted back to the station by Police.

After order had been restored at the mill premises, a small party of police were detailed to remain on the scene as a precautionary measure, whilst the main body of police together with the uninjured prisoners returned to the station.

Later, Mr. Dien Tung Poo (周,聲,寶), manager of the Foo Foong Flour Mill, accompanied by four other members of the mill staff called at the station to discuss the method by which the rioters shoudl be paid wages and bonuses due to them, with the party was also one Woo Vung Tsoong (胡文榮), this man who was the ringleader of the other accused had taken it upon himself to act as their representative in negotiating with the mill management for a settlement of the dispute on terms dictated by the labourers.

This man who is undoubtedly to a great extent to blame for inciting the other accused to adopt their violent and defying attitude, has also been placed under arrest and charged with other accused.

Hereunder is a complete list of the persons arrested with details of those injured:-

1. Tsang Fah Hwa (張法華), age 32, Anhwei, S/worker, Foo Foong Mill quarters. Comb. of Brain. Serious Detained.
2. Lieu Shi Zai (劉奉財), age 23, Shantung, S/worker, Mill Quarters. Laceration of scalp.
3. Woo Vung Tsoong (胡文榮), age 22, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill Quarters.
4. Ma Tsoong Ying (馬忠英), age 30, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill Quarters. Laceration of scalp.
5. Wong Tung Ming (王明聲), age 31, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.
6. Han Ming Tuh (韓明德), age 30, Shantung, M/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp and fingers.

7. Tsung Ts Liang (曾子良), age 29, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

8. Lee Tuh Tsoong (李刺中), age 26, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

9. Tseu Sau Ping (周少平), age 25, Anhwei, S worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

10. Zung Yue Shing (陳裕天), age 32, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

11. Zee Ping Tien (孫炳天), age 28, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

12. Lee Lai Sung (李蘭生), age 33, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

13. Lieu Tuh Foo (刘得富), age 28, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Contusion of back.

14. Wong S Loong (王世龍), age 35, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters. Hematoma forehead.

15. Lu Vung Tsoong (吳文忠), age 27, Tsinghiang, M/worker, Mill quarters, Laceration of scalp.

16. Yang Kya Kwei (楊家貴), age 22, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. laceration of scalp.

17. Phen Zau Yue (潘兆有), age 37, Anhwei, M worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

18. Zung Kyi Kwoh (陳義寬), age 28, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

19. Wong Kuh Dong (王克仁), age 20, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Contusion of scalp.

20. Woo Ho Tsing (吳和清), age 27, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

21. Huh Vung Yung (金文運), age 24, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

22. Sung Sz Tuh (宋自得), age 22, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

23. Soong Yien Chu (宋賢九), age 37, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

24. Lee Sz Shing (李士聲), age 24, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

25. Wei Kwang Kwoh (魏廣寬), age 34, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

26. Wong S Nyung (王士娘), age 31, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

27. Tsang Tsing Hung (張俊恒), age 22, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

28. Tsang Vung Liang (張文良), age 25, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

29. Dou Kwang Zung (陶光仁), age 33, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters Laceration of scalp.

30. Ting Kung Dau (丁供海), age 35, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

31. Ma Hung Kyoh (馬恩王), age 27, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

32. Lieu Zung Asien (刘仁軒), age 31, Anhwei, S worker,, Mill quarters, Laceration of scalp.

33. Kuh Tsoong Sin (葛中鑫), age 20, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp and wound of right hand third finger.

34. WooKya S (王家驷), age 35, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

35. Wong Woong An (王永安), age 32, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

36. Dau Sz Loh (陶如錄), age 25, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

37. Zien Tuh Chow (錢德州), age 26, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

38. Loh Kuh Yuen (陸令元), age 37, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

39. Zung Kung Yuen (陳公元), age 39, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

40. Bah Fong Tuh (白方德), age 25, Anhwei, S.worker, Mill quarters.

41. Zung Yuen Yu (陳元友), age 40, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

42. Tsang Ts Yuen (張志元), age 27, Anhwei, S worker, Mill quarters.

43. Vung Kya Chi (馮家騏), age 28, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

44. Yang Vung Tuh (楊文德), age 23, Kompo, S/worker, Mill quarters. Contusion of scalp and back.

45. Kau Tsu Loh (高州錄), age 24, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

46. Yoong Dau Chi (蔡道建), age 35, Honan, S/worker, Mill quarters.

47. Yang Ding Kwei (楊定貴), age 20, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

48. Zung Fah Ching (陳發全), age 21, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill Quarters.

49. Yih Vung Yu (叶文友), age 23, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

50. Tseu Ching Tseu (朱金周), age 20, Anhwei, M/worker, Tonquin Road.

51. Kuh Yue Ching (葛錄方), age 21, Ningpo, S/worker, Mill Quarters.

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52. Kong Hai Kwang (孔海光), age 26, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

53. Lee Ming Tsu (李明珠), age 30, Anhwei, M/worker, Mill quarters.

54. Bah Wong Tsing (白黃清), age 25, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters.

55. Zau Ching Kwang (曹金坤), age 21, Tungchow, S/worker Mill quarters.

56. Zee Myoh S (祚王書), age 3, Yuyang, S/worker, Mill quarters.

57. Wong Kya Yu (王家有), age 30, Anhwei, S/worker, Mill quarters. Laceration of scalp.

Mr. Baker D.C. "B" and Mr. Crouch D.D.C. "B" were informed Mr. Baker attending.

On instrutions received from the D.D. C. "B" all the accused are charged with offences against public order and will appear bagore the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 15.9.37.

Types of missiles used will be exhibited in Court.

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Div.